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To: District Plan
Subject: Mackenzie District Council - Submission on Proposed Plan Change to the Mackenzie District Plan

A new Submission on Proposed Plan Change to the Mackenzie District Plan has been received.

Plan Change Number

Which Plan
Change 22
number?:

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Submission Details

The specific
provisions of
the Proposal LIGHT-O1 LIGHT-R1
my
submission

relates to are

as follows:

I support /

oppose these I support in part

provisions:

The
reason(s) for
my
submission
are:

The Mackenzie District is home to Mt John Observatory and some of the best night skies in the world. As an astrophysicist, I will of course support the protection of night skies for their scientific value. Beyond astronomy, it is important to note that the Mackenzie's pristine landscapes have become a public resource that generates significant revenue for the community (e.g. through astrotourism). In this context it is important to protect this resource through broad, comprehensive legislation when it comes to light pollution. The proposed policies on outdoor lighting do not include lighting on agricultural equipment, especially strobe lights on pivot irrigators. The use of irrigation equipment has dramatically increased over the past decade, and the associated strobe lighting has become a disturbance to the nighttime landscapes of the Mackenzie District.

I seek the
following
decision
from the
Mackenzie
District
Council:

Broaden legislative protection of the night sky by banning light pollution caused by artificial lighting on irrigation and agricultural equipment. This requires: Amending the language of LIGHT-OI, specifically broadening Light RI ("Outdoor Lighting") to include strobe lights on agricultural equipment.

I do or do
not wish to
be heard in
support of
my
submission:

I do

If others
make a
similar
submission I
would or
would not be
prepared to
consider
presenting a
joint case

I would

with them at
any hearing:

Additional
information
for this
submission:

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